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Students walking by were invited to make their own stress balls out of balloons, flowers and ping pong balls. Volunteers, below, provided demonstrations for students on how to perform easy and stress relieving activities.

STUDENT HEALTH

Take a ride on the CAREousel

The event included four hours of activities designed to help students deal with stress.

By Sarah Vehrs
Staff Writer

As the fall semester comes to a close, students have no choice but to face the inevitable and upcoming stress caused by finals.

The On-Campus Emergency Assistance Network, also known as Project OCEAN, set up their first ever Self-CAREousel event to help students combat stress at Cal State Long Beach.

The event took place around the fountain outside of Brotman Hall and required efforts from the project, Counseling and Psychological Services, Active Minds Club and the Women's and Gender Equity Center.

"We strategically planned this right before finals so that students could take home these stress management techniques,"

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SENATE

Hate speech resolution at a standstill

Proposal begins to lose its meaning as senators debate its content.

By Holly Bartlow
Staff Writer

Associated Students Inc.'s resolution against hate speech faced backlash this week as some senators claim it was "whitewashed."

Senator-at-large Thulani Ngazimbi addressed the group, suggesting student government must diversify the resolution to obtain a clearer message.

"This entire discussion is a singular white narrative," Ngazimbi said. "It hasn't been the voice of any minorities at all and I feel as though we need to have an expert [on the First Amendment] who is not white come and speak to senate."

According to Ngazimbi this resolution hasn't addressed institutional racism or social constructs as it originally intended.

Kyari Cail, commissioner for cultural affairs, asked Senate to take the advice and recommendations of the Social Justice Equity Committee to allow International Studies professor Yousef Baker to come speak to senate, and urged for transparency among senate and the students.

"What's very pertinent with this conversation is that there isn't a well-versed conversation when we're talking about hate speech, it's coming from a legality approach," Cail said. "We need to add the historical component to it. The institutional racism component is often missed we when we talk about the founding origins of this particular controversial subject."

Senators debated whether the term "hate speech" should be included in the resolution. Leen Almahdi, senator of health and human service, argued that the term should be included.

"As a representative I state what students of color need, and a lot of times it's overlooked," Almahdi said. "We can't dilute the issue by remov-

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INVESTIGATION

La Raza death threat suspect awaits trial

By Mac Walby
Managing Editor

Just over a month after being reported to University Police Department by members of La Raza Student Association, 40-year-old Christopher David Cook was booked into the Long Beach Corrections Department.

"[The suspect was] taken into custody without incident today after complex and methodical investigation that began in September," said Fernando Solorzano, chief of university police, in a statement. "Cook is expected to face several charges along with a hate crime enhancement."

La Raza members declined to comment on the investigation.

Cook had previously been on probation from a vandalism charge in 2009, as reported by the L.A. Times.

Members of the student association reported Cook to authorities on Sept. 17, sending over screenshots of the threats as well as giving statements to detectives. But locating the suspect wasn't so simple, according to Detective Christopher Brown of university police.

"Anyone can be anyone on the internet," he said. "It takes time."

Records were requested from Facebook regarding Cook's profile use and according to Detective Brown, in cases like these, the social media company would be able to provide information such as time logs and IP addresses for the associated account. After that, it would only be a matter of picking up the right person.

"[The suspect] was confronted and admitted to some of the threats," Brown said.

The Fountain Valley resident was in court last week, and is now behind bars in Long Beach City Jail awaiting trial by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

"The University Police Department stands with the entire Long Beach State community in the goal of inclusive excellence," Solorzano added in his statement.

This story will be updated.

ASI

Student senate throws a Hail Mary

In a resolution created by two campus senators, a new committee aims to bring back a university football team.

By Sarah Duenas
Staff Writer

It has been 20 years since Cal State Long Beach has had a football team — but in the next few years, that may change.

In a resolution approved earlier this month, student senators Alex Trimm and Isaac Da Silva proposed the idea to bring football back to the campus by emphasizing the benefits to the university. It has allowed them to create a committee that would explore the options to give the 49ers a return to the football field.

In 1991, the football team was dissolved due to state budget cuts and small efforts to bring it back have continued. During the 2011-2012 school year, a referendum to raise student fees $86 a semester in order to bring back the football team failed.

"If there's people willing to [bring football to campus] but there's other campuses [that offer football], I'd rather not have to pay more," Rocio Ruiz, senior kinesiology major said.

According to Athletic Director Andy Fee, creating a football team would require a staggering amount of funding to cover scholarships, an operating budget, additional support staff salaries, facilities and football coaching staff salaries.

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The Walter Pyramid, where CSULB basketball and volleyball games, seen from behind a fence.

"Our goal is to direct the student funding allocated to Beach Athletics in the most efficient and meaningful way possible," Fee said. "My goal is not sway students one way or the other, but simply provide a realistic picture of the challenges."

If the campus does have to use students' tuition money, Trimm said it would be a small fee that will give students the opportunity to have their say of how money is distributed throughout the football department.

"I just don't see it [happening]," said President Jane Close Conoley in an interview with the Daily 49er. "Football coaches are incredibly expensive, you have to have 50 or 60 people on a team and then you have to have a stadium. I'm putting air conditioning in our buildings before I build a stadium."

Senators highlighted how football would create a thriving community between the university and the city, create jobs pertaining to management and staff during game days and help grow Associated Students Inc's mission to increase social development for students. Trimm and Da Silva want to accomplish this by creating another community outside of school.

"It brings people together and gives people a sense of comradery that very few other things are capable of offering," Da Silva said. "It's something that is very tangible and present in schools. Giving that same opportunity at [Long Beach] with over 40,000 people, a school football team is gonna see that same kind of comradery and come together."

According to the bill, the reintroduction of the 49ers football team is expected to enhance student's campus experience and benefit various colleges and departments by adding more internships.

They would support the Department of Kinesiology by providing jobs from sports psychology, athletic training, strength and conditioning. The College of Business Administration would benefit through team marketing, sports management, ticket sales and others, such as the College of the Arts through various design, branding, and advertisement task.

"Football brings more opportunities," said Elvia Medina, junior communications major who has been an avid sports lover since she was a child. "We'd have the opportunity to have more events, it's another popular sport to add. We'd have the opportunity to have more events and it's just fun."

Trimm and Da Silva say this time around, funding will depend on a number of things. Their approach is to fundraise through donations, sponsorships and boosters that will encourage outside sources to support the campus.

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ing that phrase, removing the phrase doesn't change what happens but it does change the fact that we aren't acknowledging it. It makes us sugarcoat what the issue is."

The third and final reading of the resolution will be voted on in next week's senate meeting.

New resolution for ASI requirements to run for office fails

A new resolution requires undergraduates take a minimum of nine units to run for ASI and also may not exceed more than 135 units.

The resolution was shot down 6-12-5, arguing that it was ageist and creates barriers for students.

The idea of the resolution was to minimize the mid-year turnover according to Richard Haller, executive director of ASI.

"It really does harm the organization with a turnover in leadership," Haller said.

"Then to have a significant number of student leaders leave when there are four or five more months left in the fiscal year sets the organization back."

For senators, the resolution illustrated something different.

According to Leen Almahdi, the university prides itself on offering opportunities.

"We're creating barriers," Almahdi said. "Some students really can't afford to be a full-time student. For us to say you must have nine units instead of six, the tuition difference is significant and we need to take that into consideration."

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said Janette Iniguez, the development coordinator and peer advocate for the group. "We want to remind students that self-care is always important, and to not forget that they still need to focus on themselves and not just exams."

The campus organizations set up booths that circled around the fountain and included coloring and writing activities to help with body positivity, as well as making stress balls and a lounge area with blow-up chairs and lively music.

"We were just walking past, and I saw the [counseling and psychological services] booth and we were actually just talking about it because I didn't know what it was, so I think it was put here for us," said Ky Duvenary, a freshman pre-English major.

"I'm hoping these activities can help me gain more self-confidence and reevaluate what I think about myself."

Free granola bars and water that came with recipes and tips for adding fruits and vegetables into students' diets were provided to those attending.

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CSULB's Counseling and Psychological Services was in attendance of Self-CAREousel to provide helpful tips on proper self care.

According to Danny Alderete, a peer advocate for the project, this was to encourage the student body to take advantage of resources such as the Basic Needs Program, which helps students get access to free food.

"Coming from research, one of the main things we know is that there are high anxiety levels and suicide rates on college campuses," said Alderete, a senior human development major.

"The main reason we started this event was so that we could help students right before finals, so they have some tools, like breathing techniques, that they can use during those stressful times."

Alderete emphasized the importance of self-care for college students as they juggle many aspects such as school, work, family-time and social relationships.

"When we do not practice self-care, then we can start to burn out and feel overwhelmed and we are not able to concentrate and it can affect our studies and life quality in general," Alderete said. "We want students to know that it is ok to not be ok and that making time for yourself is necessary for one's well-being."

The program is funded through Student Affairs and its activities are "designed to strengthen and fill gaps in existing services to 'expand the safety net' for students vulnerable to mental health crises," according to the website.

"I think it's really important because I know some ethnicities don't bring up mental illnesses, especially in certain generations," Alex Clara, a senior fashion merchandising student said. "It's also good for people to be able to reach out to [counseling and psychological services] because it's a place that people can go on their own to get counseling, and to see that it is okay."

TREND

Campus conservatives speak out

College students on both sides of the political spectrum struggle with issues of free speech.

By Divine Paguio, Lola Olvera and Zackery Handy
Contributing Writers

As political polarization continues to divide students, it would seem that conservative students tend to make up a smaller population on liberal leaning campuses such as Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton and UCLA.

But Long Beach Turning Point USA members want you to know they are proud to be American. At least, that's what some of their signs read. The right-leaning political organization, which is part of a national nonprofit organization, recently opened a chapter at the university.

Tyler Perrin, marketing major and member of Turning Point who proudly flaunts the stars and stripes on his shorts, doesn't consider the organization exclusively right or left wing.

"There [are] Republican and college Democrats and then there is us," Perrin said. "Realistically, we want everybody in our group. Anyone who supports free speech and common values is welcome."

Last year the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute conducted a survey of college freshmen, asking them if they identified as "liberal," "far left," "conservative" or "far right." Thirty-five point five percent of incoming students identified as "liberal" or "far left," while 22.2 percent identified as "conservative" or "far right." According to The Atlantic, this is the most polarized that college freshmen have been in the last 51 years.

The difference between "free speech" and "hate speech" has been a subject of debate recently as hate crimes involving racial writing in campus bathrooms and death threats made online to La Raza Student Association have called for the involvement of University Police.

"What gets this jump started?" said Charles Noble, a political science professor at CSULB who specializes in comparative public policy and social movements. Noble says he believes that the election of a black president provided a mainstream of racial diversity and multiculturalism that angers white people, who are reaffirmed as victims by conservative media.

Zsofia Szlovak, an English literature and political science major and a member of College Democrats, agrees that while campus members do tend to lean left, the school still welcomes diversity of thought.

"For the most part, we are all here to get an education and be respectful to one another," Szlovak said. "With regard to conservative speakers in general, not just alt-right [speakers], it seems as if there isn't as much of a desire for those types of speakers."

Although conservative students may be outnumbered on campus, conservative organizations still try to remain active. Both Turning Point and Young Americans for Liberty held a Free Speech Event on campus Oct. 19, asking students if they support free speech and encouraging them to sign a large beach ball.

"I feel like most campuses are liberal. But it's not really the students," said Oscar Acevedo, a political science major and president of Turning Point. "I feel like it's more professors and administration who don't give them the full perspective."

Since the election of President Donald Trump, the university has seen a number of demonstrations from groups such as Muslim Students Association, La Raza and others who disagree with the new president and his policies.

"Both conservative and liberal students have a voice on campus," said Jael Espinoza, an international studies and political science major and president of the Long Beach chapter of Young Americans for Liberty, a libertarian nonprofit organization. "There are many staff and faculty members that do an incredible job of creating a quality educational environment for students to think, share and exchange ideas and ask questions."

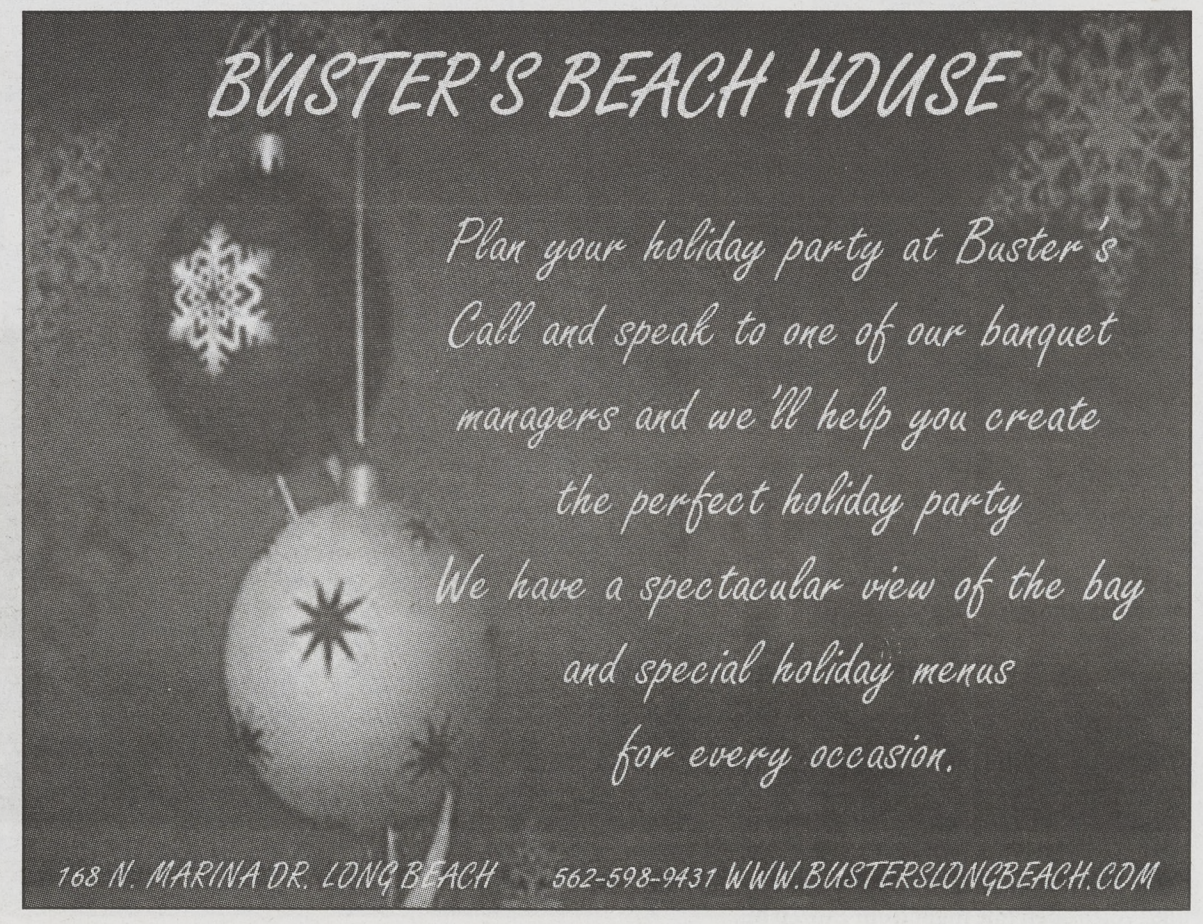
College news watchdog Campus Reform reported that out of the 12 speakers of note which Cal State Long Beach hosted in the 2016-2017 academic year, zero identified as conservative.

Sabrina Flores | Daily 49er
A lone American flag stands outside of the staircase in CSULB's library building.

This Halloween, Cal State Fullerton's College Republicans hosted Milo Yiannopoulos, a highly controversial political personality and right-wing firebrand, sparking a petition for cancellation, a counter-event and small protests resulting in eight arrests that night.

Kevin Johnson, director of the Center for First Amendment Studies and associate professor of communication studies, said an easy way for students to protest a speaker they dislike is by simply not purchasing tickets to the event.

"If students are wanting to not have a speaker like Milo then don't give him the spectacle," Johnson said.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PREVIEW

Cupcakes, mocktails and social justice art

ASI provides an artistic platform for students in marginalized communities who may feel underrepresented.

By Sahara Barba
Staff Writer

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BEACH PRIDE EVENTS

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The University Student Union Art Gallery and Lounge will be the home of the artwork of approximately 14 featured artists.

A collection of artwork from veteran, LGBTIQ+, international and wellness communities will be unveiled Thursday evening in the University Student Union Art Gallery & Student Lounge as part of the Conscious Collection.

The exhibit was organized by Associated Students, Inc.'s cabinet, who wanted to create an art gallery with a social justice theme, according to Chief Diversity Officer Yasmin Elasmar.

"Our goal is to highlight artists and showcase the intersectionalities of these and other communities," Elasmar said.

Approximately 14 artists will be featured and utilize different mediums such as sculptures, paintings, photographs and poetry.

The gallery opening will include mini cupcakes, mocktails, an open mic and piano opportunities and an introductory speech from 3rd District Councilmember Suzie Price.

According to Communications Director Antonella Schaug, Price is scheduled to speak about her experiences with student government while attending Cal State Long Beach.

Following Price's speech, students are encouraged to view the art on display. Spoken word and live music will also be performed intermittently throughout the event.

Typically, students and alumni hoping to be featured in the USU art gallery send applications and a photo sample on BeachSync. For this particular gallery, student government representatives reached out to specific groups to create artworks for this event, rather than the typical monthly rotation of a single student's work.

The emotions and themes illustrated in the students' artworks vary from pain and fear to love and passion.

Chloe Kim, commissioner of wellness affairs, described the themes of some of the art submitted from the wellness community in an email.

One piece described was Lisa Choe's illustration, "Beautiful Life" which is meant to show the beauty of life from a grandmother and a baby holding hands.

"Goodbye Bad Memories" by senior student Haru Shafer is a powerful representation of psychological cleaning of negative self-talk using vibrant colors and strong imageries," Kim said.

Junior communications major Joseph Samudio is one of the featured artists representing the veteran community. He submitted 10 photos to the gallery which he took while deployed in Afghanistan.

"I've heard a lot of positive comments about my photos," Samudio said. "I was shocked."

Sean Aquino, commissioner of LGBTIQ+ affairs, said that the Conscious Collection is giving marginalized communities of students a platform to teach their peers about their struggles and interests.

"One submission in particular I saw a lot of growth," Aquino said. "Other than growth, I would just have to say that there's a lot of self-expression.But I see a lot of growth and forward moving."

From the LGBTIQ+ community, Aquino said that one piece of art is a personal project for the artists and depicts "coming out."

"I think students really need to realize how much creativity and how much talent there is on this campus," Aquino said.

Creating a social justice themed gallery was inspired by the idea of promoting "art created by the community/art created for the community," Kim said.

According to Elasmar, ASI is planning to put together a "part two" of the gallery in the spring semester to include minority communities that weren't included this time around such as undocumented students, people of color, and those with disabilities.

The Conscious Collection will be available for viewing at the USU Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to midnight through Jan. 31.

PREVIEW

Come get your culture on at Pasifika Voice

CSULB Pacific Islanders' Association invites the community to immerse themselves in their culture for a night.

By Sabrina Flores
Photo Editor

Sabrina Flores | Daily 49er

A dancer from CSULB's Pacific Islanders' Association performed for an audience on the kick off International Education week.

Set a date on your calendars for a night of cultural celebration through song, dance and spoken word.

The Cal State Long Beach Pacific Islanders' Association intends to bring awareness to the culture through art at this year's Pasifika Voice open mic night from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday in the University Student Union Ballrooms.

This year's event, fittingly themed "For the Culture," is the eighth installment in the club's annual open mic nights.

"If you're really curious [about] Pacific Islander culture you should come out and see what it is, you don't even have to stay the whole time," said Jasmine Teo, alumnus and former president of the club. "[The event is] definitely relatable to other cultures."

Admission is $2, which will include catered food and feature artists Sarai McKenzie, Mercy Lagaaia, Celina Yandall, Joshua Faasua, Aliyah Moala and Abigail Ativalu.

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Pasifika Voice is an open mic event that invites Pacific Islander artists from all over the state to perform.

The event functions as a catalyst in educating the campus about issues that those who are not Pacific Islander would not know about.

This years theme presents the challenge to performers to emphasize their use of language and draw attention to the way language has shaped the world.

"Our theme relates to all the division many people have felt within the country, and how we as a Pacific Islander community can continue to come together and promote inclusivity and positivity," Dora Gomez, vice president of the club said.

"We wanted [artists] to focus on their specific language and how they've used that in their life."

"A lot of our artists are [returning] artists and I'm really excited to see their fresh take on [the theme]," Bianca Rivera, secretary of the club said.

Melerelini Loane, a member of the association, has attended every Pasifika Voice since the first event in November 2009.

"[The night] is a space of where Pacific Islanders are able to voice their concerns, thoughts, passion and love," Loane said.

"Most of us Pacific Islanders' were brought up in America, which is very different from being on the islands. We were raised to be quiet. Because of CSULB, we have learned that we have a safe spot and that it is okay for us to voice, our passion and thoughts."

Loane said she is looking forward to hearing the spoken word pieces at the event and feeling the "mana" or fire within the poet's' hearts.

She said the poems give her the opportunity to experience the artist's struggles and feel what they are feeling.

"The atmosphere is pretty mellow and chill, a lot of people like that because they're expecting something where it's like you get to hear like the voice of Pacific Islander rather than reading it in a book," Teo said.

"So I think it's a cool opportunity to have both the Pacific Islander and non-Pacific Islander communities come out to kind of support and also educate themselves in regards to issues our community faces."

Courtesy of CSULB Pacific Islanders' Association

The flyer for this years upcoming Pasifika Voice event invites all to attend this Saturday.

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EDITORIAL

Farewell, open Windows

The denial of net neutrality will only create a spectrum of problems.

By The Daily 49er Editorial Board

On Dec. 14, the Federal Communications Commission and Chairman Ajit Pai will vote to end the Obama-era internet protections known as net neutrality. These protections are central to an open and free Internet, and the Daily 49er Editorial Board is calling on the student body to respond.

At the end of the day, losing these regulations will be bad for students across the country. With tuition and rent at historic highs, every last dollar matters. And you can believe these media companies will suck every last cent out of consumers.

For many of us on the editorial board, the wide world of the internet has been a formative force growing up. Whether you remember goofy videos from ebaumsworld, making friends in online communities or learning about things your parents probably didn't want to teach you, nearly everyone at this university can point to the web as a huge part of growing up. But if Pai and his counterparts at the FCC have their way, the free and open promise the internet was built upon will be in serious jeopardy.

At Cal State Long Beach, we have dozens of platforms that allow us to not only access content for our professional and academic purposes, but more importantly, to create content that will only matter if everyone is given the chance to see it.

Comcast promised for years in a statement on its website the company "doesn't prioritize Internet traffic or create paid fast lanes." The day Pai and the FCC announced the body would vote to repeat net neutrality, the internet provider removed the statement from the site. In the days after, representatives from the company hinted that paid prioritization may be coming in the near future.

For those who have been watching this debate unfold, these empty promises sound painfully familiar. In the early days of the world wide web, providers like Southwestern Bell (now AT&T) asked the government for billions of dollars. These companies claimed that without the investment, it would be impossible to create the necessary infrastructure consumers were asking for. And we paid up — to the tune of over $400 billion, according to researcher Bruce Kushnick.

But decades later, these companies still haven't held up their end of the bargain.

Instead of upgrading all of the old copper wiring connections to fiber optic cabling, providers pocketed the money, using an outdated technology, which some of you may remember as DSL. That horrible dial tone heard every time someone in the house picked up the phone while your brother or sister was on the computer? You can blame that on these ISPs.

With the news cycle becoming more and more negative, it can be easy for students to feel apathetic. Our voices have never been more important, and the Internet we all grew up with needs our help.

While an FCC spokesperson has said the commission will not be reading any new comments, it doesn't mean we should stay silent. Sending your representative an email may feel worthless, but adding to the 22 million voices of dissent can only help.

For the more radical among us, Dec. 7 will see protests outside Verizon stores across the country. Both the Torrance and Lakewood Verizon locations are slated for the event. The editorial board encourages everyone willing and able to make sure these companies hear our complaints. Signs and demonstrations put pressure to respond and force them to go on the record with plans for the future.

The internet helped raise a generation, provided a safe home for the disenfranchised and has given a voice to the voiceless. It's our turn to give something back.

Correction: Ian Macdonald wrote yesterday's Opinion piece, "Kill 'em with kindness."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fregulia selected to All-West Region Second Team

Standout sophomore defender's season honored again.

By Marck Parra
Staff Writer

For sophomore defender Kaitlin Fregulia, when it rains, it pours. Just weeks after being named the Big West Defensive Player of the Year, Fregulia was selected for the United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division I Women's All-West Region Second Team.

The All-West Region Teams are comprised of the best players from seven West Coast conferences.

Fregulia is one of eight players representing the Big West Conference to receive United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division I Women's All-West Region Team honors, four of which were named to the Second Team.

The defender followed a breakout freshman campaign with her best season yet at Long Beach, cementing herself as one of the best players on head coach Mauricio Ingrassia's 49er (9-6-3) squad in the process.

"I was blown away," Ingrassia said about the sophomore's postseason accolades. "But I think people rightfully realized that she was having a breakout year.".

She helped solidify the 49ers' defense on the way to seven clean sheets on the season before her season was cut short because of a torn Achilles tendon.

The team also managed a season-best 1.11 goals against average while Fregulia was on the field.

Defenders usually have a minimal role on the offensive side of the game, but Fregulia was just as effective offensively as she was defensively; she totalled two game-winning goals on the season and also added two assists.

The Long Beach State women's soccer program failed to live up to the high expectations of repeating as Big West Conference Champions, but individually, Fregulia never failed to display her talents whenever she stepped on the field for the 49ers.

Regarding her recovery, Fregulia said she is taking rehabilitation with patience, but promises to return with more determination.

"I don't want to rush anything, but it makes me want to try my hardest to get to the point where I want to be and fully recovered," Fregulia said in a previous interview.

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Long Beach State sophomore defender Kaitlin Fregulia dribbles the ball in Sept. 1 game against Dartmouth at George Allen Field.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LBSU competes in the Lady Griz Classic

The 49ers have a chance to get back on track this weekend.

By Kevin Colindres
Staff Writer

The Long Beach State women's basketball team looks to extend its win streak on the road as it travels to the northwest.

LBSU (1-5) will compete in the Lady Griz Classic, taking on the Oral Roberts (2-3) on Friday and playing the host team Montana (0-5) the following day.

"We're focused on getting back on track and taking no one lightly," freshman guard Ma'Qhi Berry said.

Because of early struggles, head coach Jeff Cammon has been working with different starting lineups in order to find better results when the team goes small. The starters include four guards and one forward, which gives the team more space to spread the floor.

Long Beach has two double-digit scorers, with freshman guard Shanaijah Davison averaging 16.3 points and Berry with 10 points per game off the bench.

Davison found herself in the starting lineup after coming off the bench for the first four games of the season, and has improved the team's overall offense.

This will be the first time in program history that the 49ers will take on Oral Roberts.

The Golden Eagles have been an offensive threat the whole year with four double-digit scorers on the squad. Forward Maria Martinez leads the team with 11.0 points per game, while guard Sarah Garvie is second and averaging 10.8 points.

The 49ers were locked in offensively against Arizona, but the team will have to rely on defense to level with Oral Roberts.

The Golden Eagles have averaged 64.4 points per game early on, while Long Beach has struggled to lock opponents down, giving up 75 points a game.

On the second game of a back to back, the 49ers will take on Montana, a team that has shared similar struggles with a 0-5 record to start the season. The short two game series between Long Beach and Montana is tied at 1-1.

The two teams will meet on Saturday for the first time since 2005, where the Lady Griz held off the Beach 58-57 in Missoula.

In its first ever meeting in 2004, Long Beach defeated Montana 61-53 at the Walter Pyramid.

Montana is led by McKenzie Johnston, who averages 10.6 points and 3.2 assists. The Lady Griz average 56.8 points per game which gives the 49ers an advantage on the scoring end.

This is the perfect opportunity for Long Beach to get back on track and make up for its poor start.

If the 49ers are able to stay true to their offense and lock down on defense, they can come back to the Walter Pyramid with a few more wins.

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Long Beach State freshman center Emma Merriweather attempts a hook shot in Oct. 17 game against Loyola Marymount at the Walter Pyramid.

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Long Beach State junior guard Bryan Alberts takes a jump shot in Nov. 14 game against San Francisco State at the Walter Pyramid.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Arizona too hot for the Beach

Wildcats dominate the 49ers 91-56.

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Heading into Wednesday night's game against Arizona, the Long Beach State men's basketball team knew what it was getting itself into — a matchup against a star-studded Wildcats team that was eager to shed a three-game losing streak.

LBSU (3-5) came out in a press defense and dropped back into a zone to try and contain the Wildcats.

The 49ers defensive game plan fell apart quickly after six consecutive points from Arizona freshman center Deandre Ayton, pushing the Wildcats lead to 11-4 after the first five minutes.

Long Beach was not able to recover after its slow start. Arizona put on an offensive show, going on a 22-4 run with 11:48 left in the first half.

The Wildcats continued to push the pace against the 49ers until the halftime break, leading 42-24.

In the second half, Long Beach made a quick push and cut the Arizona lead down to 13 points early on.

After a timeout by Arizona head coach Sean Miller, the Wildcats went on an 8-0 run.

"I thought we were poised to crack that 10 point mark and really make a run for it," assistant coach Myke Scholl said on 22 West Radio. "Some other guys started hitting shots, we got the turnover bug again and it just got out of control."

Arizona's momentum increased throughout the game, leading the Wildcats to win 91-56.

Junior guard Bryan Alberts led all Long Beach scorers with 12 points on 4-for-11 shooting. Senior forward Gabe Levin continued his consistent play with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Next up for the 49ers are back-to-back home games this weekend against Fresno State and Stanford. Long Beach will take on Fresno State on Saturday at 4 p.m.

"We have two very good teams coming into the Pyramid but we also have that home court advantage," Scholl said.

Four takeaways from the 49ers' loss to Wildcats

Long Beach State men's basketball looks to bounce back on Saturday against Fresno State.

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Long Beach State head coach Dan Monson talks to his team in Nov. 14 game against San Francisco State.

After Arizona defeated Long Beach State (3-5) Wednesday, the Daily 49er sports editor and men's basketball beat writer compiled a breakdown about the team's performance against the Wildcats.

1. Junior forward KJ Byers and freshman point guard Edon Maxhuni started Wednesday night's game instead of senior Barry Ogalue and junior Deishuan Booker. It seems as though Ogalue is in the 'dog house' early on this season after leading the team in scoring throughout the first three games. The senior forward has not played more than 12 minutes in the last two contests.

The addition of Maxhuni to the starting lineup came as a surprise. Coming into the game against Arizona, Booker had posted two consecutive double-doubles against Oregon State and Nebraska. Turnovers have been his biggest problem so far this season, which might have been why the coaching staff chose not to start the junior guard.

2. It seems that Long Beach continues to have slow starts in the beginning of games. The men's basketball team came out of McKale Center with a sluggish start in the first nine minutes as the Wildcats led 27-8. The 49ers had the second lowest first half total of the season, only managing to put up 24 points. Earlier in the season, Long Beach had its lowest first half score against Missouri in which it had 21 points.

3. The stat that disrupts the team the most is turnovers. Long Beach had 19 of them in the loss against Arizona. It hurt the 49ers, as the Wildcats fed off the mistakes with 27 points off the giveaways. The team needs to take care of the ball better in order to help themselves when the Big West Conference starts in January.

4. Free-throw shooting has haunted the 49ers in the last two games. The team shot 8 for 17 in Wednesday's loss and 8 for 14 against Nebraska over the weekend. With the possibility of many close games in Big West play, Long Beach will need to capitalize on these free points more in order to come out with wins.

Conclusion: The 49ers will need to be ready to bounce back this weekend. Fresno State and Stanford will be coming to the Walter Pyramid on Saturday and Sunday.

Both schools are in tougher conferences than the Big West and Long Beach will need to use its home court advantage in order to pull out a win or two.